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"Regarding the inventions as per Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8

Cited Literature 1-2

Cited Literature 1 describes the art of converting between messages in a telephone network and text mail on the Internet.

Cited Literature 2 describes the art of transmitting mail based on date and time information.

Regarding the inventions as per Claims 3, 6 and 9

Cited Literature 1-3

Cited Literature 3 (especially paragraph 0024) describes associating multiple data.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-163922
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-273875
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-023396

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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Prior art literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H5-260549
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Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form-SB08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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